

TREMENDOUS FLOODS.

FOR THREE DAYS RAIN HAS BEEN FALLING.

Streams are Running Bank Full and the Willamette River Has Broken Over Its Banks and Flooded the Lowlands—snow Still for awhile.

Portland, Ore., Nov. 16.—For the past seventy-two hours rain has been falling continuously over the north-west and all streams are running bank full. In many places the Willamette river has broken over its bank and flooded the lowlands. The river at this city at 9 o'clock last night stood 15 feet above low water mark and is rising at the rate of 2 inches per hour. The lower docks have been abandoned and merchants along the water front were at work last night moving goods from their cellars to the high grounds.

About 8 o'clock last night snow began falling, but soon turned to rain. Railroads and telegraph lines have suffered from washouts and Seattle last night was entirely shut off from the outside world except by means of boat to Tacoma. Trains on the Northern Pacific and Oregon railway and Navigation roads were all delayed by the storms and are several hours late. The Southern Pacific was delayed eight hours by washouts a few miles from Salem and was compelled to transfer passengers and mails yesterday evening.

Seattle, Wash., Nov. 16.—A special from Everett, Wash., says: The Snohomish river has broken all records and is now about two feet higher than any mark of previous years. It has broken over the banks and is taking a short cut across country and still rising. The ranchers in the bottom lands were only partially prepared for the flood. While their loss must be considerable in the aggregate, it is impossible to get results.

Mexico News.

Mexico City, Nov. 16.—Several hundred doctors from the United States, Canada, Cuba, Porto Rico and Central and South America have arrived to attend the second pan-American medical congress, which will be presided over by Dr. Casanova del Valle, noted for his original investigations. Resident physicians are formed in committees for reception and entertainment. The programme for the week includes a reception at the castle of Chapultepec by President Diaz and excursions to points of interest. The hotels are crowded with tourists.

The decision in the case of the Monterey and Mexican Gulf Railway company will probably be rendered in a few days. The Belgian syndicate, which took over the property four years ago on an agreement to deposit \$4,000,000, never made the deposit and the creditors have been demanding that this be done and it is anticipated that the court will require the deposit. The Belgians aver that they are the principle creditors, but the old receiver, J. A. Robertson of Monterey, a well-known capitalist, has claims for money advanced and services rendered amounting to about \$500,000, which is believed by competent lawyers to be sound, and must be paid.

Negro Lynched.

McKenzie, Tenn., Nov. 16.—Saturday night near this town Charley Allen, a negro, was lynched, being shot to death by a band of armed men for the assaulting of Miss Bettie Seals, a respectable white girl aged 14, and an orphan. The negro committed an assault about dusk as the girl was returning from a cotton field Saturday afternoon. The cries of the girl brought assistance after the negro had fled. She told her story, pursuit was instituted, the negro was caught and fully identified, and under guard was started to McKenzie. The news had reached McKenzie, and a crowd left at once for the scene. The guards, hearing of the crowd coming, changed their course, and when about a mile from town unknown parties attacked the negro and completely riddled him with bullets, leaving the body on the roadside, where hundreds viewed it yesterday.

Secular Union Meeting.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 16.—Every seat in Central Music hall was filled last night and hundreds stood in the back part of the hall to hear the speeches at the closing session of the annual congress of the American Secular Union and Free Thought Federation. The meeting was called to order by President Putnam, who stated that the object of the union was to oppose all attempts to unite church and state.

Mrs. Cora L. V. Richmond then spoke in defense of free thought, after which President Putnam introduced Charles Watta, vice-president of the British Secular society, the principal speaker of the evening. George W. Fouts, editor of the London Free Thinker, president of the British Secular society and successor to Charles Bradlaugh, also spoke.

Injured by an Explosion.

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 15.—Two men were frightfully and one woman slightly injured by the explosion of a dynamite cartridge Saturday night, under a house on Michigan avenue, west of the city limits. The explosion is believed to have been caused by an assassin. An Englishman named Becker was badly injured about the face, eyes and breast, and lay dying. Hank Conjo, a Pole, limbs badly lacerated and much in body over left kidney, recovery doubtful; Josephine Conjo, Hank's daughter, cut over eye.

Weyler's Movements.

Havana, Nov. 16.—No very explicit news has been received from Gen. Weyler, but it is known that after the engagement at the Rubi hills he continued his march into the interior of the mountains toward Soros, and he succeeded in penetrating to points to which no other Spanish columns have ever reached. He has had several skirmishes with the insurgents, notwithstanding the advantageous positions they hold in the mountain strongholds, but he has not succeeded in confronting any considerable force of the insurgents.

The insurgents have again attacked the village of Gondado and have cannonaded it, but without inflicting any damage, the Spanish sharpshooters having silenced the artillery by picking off the gunners.

Eighty-eight families and 483 men have been concentrated at Mantua, in Pinar del Rio.

Capt. Gen. Weyler is now at Olegua. The committee of national defense yesterday held a meeting, presided over by the governor, and agreed to name committees for the provinces, who are to invite the presidents of political parties to join the committee in the work they seek to accomplish. The committee of national defense also resolved to take steps to organize the labor of the island, or work in the agricultural districts.

Antonio Macero was yesterday at San Juan centenas, in the southern part of the province of Pinar del Rio, fifteen miles from Artemisa. His vanguard occupies a position between Punta Brava and Candelaria.

Charged With Larceny.

New York, Nov. 16.—Jos. J. Simpson, aged 30, who has been residing at the New England hotel in this city, was arraigned before Magistrate Mott, in Jefferson Market, Saturday, charged with larceny. He was arrested at the request of the chief of police of Boston. It is said that Simpson is one of a gang that has been operating extensively in Boston and Philadelphia, and who is believed to be one of the many ramifications of the big gang of swindlers headed by Peters and Thomas, who are already under arrest.

Book dealers were their victims, according to the story. One of the gang would secure a position as book agent to secure subscriptions on instalments. One of the confederates would buy a set of books from the bogus agent, who would thereupon receive the commission for the sale. The confederate would then disappear with the books and dispose of them to dealers in old books or to junk shops. The dealers in Boston and Philadelphia have sustained heavy losses by their operations. Simpson admitted that he knew of the people who are said to be implicated with him, but denied all knowledge of the crime he is charged with. He was held on \$1000 to await extradition papers from Boston.

After the Chinese Trade.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 16.—One million dollars has been subscribed and plans are being matured for the formation in Chicago within two weeks of a gigantic commercial enterprise, to be known as the English-American-Chinese Railway Construction company, which is to enter the field of Chinese trade as the rival of the American Trading company. The object is to eventually obtain control of American trade in the Flowery Kingdom. Twenty-three miles of railway, equipped with the most improved appliances and rolling stock, will be built. Most of the capital, it is said, will be put in by Americans, and they will also supply the equipment of the road.

Two Englishmen are directing the formation of the syndicate from opposite sides of the globe. One of them, John P. Grant, is now in Chicago concluding the deal, and the other, Lenox Spitzel, is in China. The former is a railroad promoter, and the latter the head of the firm of Louis Spitzel & Co., London and Shanghai.

Severe Trial.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 16.—High gales, accompanied by snow flurries, have prevailed here for the past forty-eight hours, doing great damage to shipping. Wires are down in many parts of the province, and several ports have not been heard from. A number of vessels were wrecked, but so far as known no lives were lost. The schooner Kessie, coal laden from Louisburg for Halifax, was lost near Cansu. The crew were saved. Other vessels lost are the schooner St. Paul, fish laden, from St. Pierre for Halifax, off Cape Breton island; schooner L. H. Davis, general cargo, Halifax for Alberton, wrecked at Charlottetown.

Irish Race to Meet.

New York, Nov. 16.—At a meeting of the Amnesty Aid association yesterday arrangements were made for the holding of a massive gathering of the Irish race in this city for the purpose of augmenting the funds for the caring of Dr. Thomas Gallagher and George Albert Whitehead, ex-political prisoners, now confined in the sanatorium at Amityville, L. I. Delegations are expected from Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Boston and other towns.

Transmitting of Niagara Falls.

Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 15.—The electric problem of transmitting the power of Niagara Falls to Buffalo for industrial purposes has been solved. Yesterday at noon the company made its entrance within the city gates. The work of building the transmission line was begun last August and concluded early this month. Should experimental use of the power by the Street Railway company prove satisfactory, other contracts will follow as early as the company can supply the service.

SEVERE SNOW STORM.

TWO SCHOONERS WERE DRIVEN ASHORE.

The Life Saving Crew Succeeded in Rescuing the Crew of Five Men Of One Schooner—The Wind Blew Forty Miles an Hour.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 14.—The schooner Brenton drove ashore just east of the river piers yesterday morning in a terrific storm of wind and snow. The life saving crew succeeded, after much difficulty, in rescuing the crew of five men. The schooner is pounding hard and will soon be a total wreck.

The schooner Marine City, coal laden, was also blown ashore near the river entrance, but pulled off without serious damage.

The wind was blowing forty miles an hour from the northwest accompanied by a blinding snow storm.

Warlike Rumor Denied.

Washington, Nov. 14.—Concerning the report coming from the west to the effect that the war department because of trouble with Spain has been making inquiries of trunk line railways running to the gulf coast, and along the southern seaboard as to their facilities for moving war supplies, it can be stated that the only inquiry made within the past year by the war department on this subject was one intended to ascertain the cost of executing the order and about six weeks ago by the secretary of war, looking to the annual exchange of stations of troops.

A regiment of troops in California and further north on the Pacific coast was ordered to exchange stations with troops that had been serving in the east and in Florida and the quartermaster's department took steps to ascertain in advance the cost of the proposed movement in order to make sure that it would be within the available appropriation for the movement of troops. Of course this had no warlike aspect whatever, for this same number of troops that were added the department of the east were carried west to take their station in the department of California and Columbia.

A flat denial is also given by the best authorities to another sensational story to the effect that the department has warned Spain against further outrageous treatment of American commercial agents doing business in Cuba. It is stated that owing to radical organic differences in the systems of customs collections pursued by Spain and by the United States and the absence from the Spanish system of what is known in this country as post invoices, American shipping has been more or less embarrassed by detentions growing out of failures to observe the technical requirements of the Cuban customs system. But this has been the case for years past and it is said that nothing has happened recently to cause any strain of the relations between the two governments on this score.

Escaped Jail.

Toledo, O., Nov. 14.—Frank Crawford, alias Harry or Harvey Davis, broke jail here at an early hour in the morning by sawing his way through the iron grating at the top of the jail, and then letting himself to the ground with a quilt. Davis was held for trial on the charge of murdering Marshal Baker of North Baltimore, O., last August. He was transferred from the Bowling Green jail to this place to better insure his captivity. Crawford evidently had accomplices on the outside as the sawing was done both from within and from without. There were eight iron bars 2 1/2 inches cut through. The iron was soaped so that the saws would make no noise. The escape was made while two guards were on duty. This is the third jail delivery that has taken place here within the past eighteen months.

Expressed Their Approval.

New York, Nov. 14.—A special from Constantinople says: All the foreign ambassadors have telegraphed to their governments expressing approval of the reforms granted by the sultan and published in all the papers.

The Italian ambassador has gone on a three weeks' leave of absence. As quiet has been perfectly restored, and the reforms asked for have been granted, it only remains for the supplementary warships anchored here to be withdrawn to thoroughly calm the public mind.

Appropriation Committee to Meet.

Washington, Nov. 14.—The committee on appropriations of the house will meet November 16 to begin preparation of the appropriation bills for the coming session. The committee will divide itself into subcommittees on various bills, and endeavor to have the different measures ready to report at an early date after the opening of congress. The appropriations committee will have a week's time before congress convenes, in which to work on bills.

Wanted for Detention.

New York, Nov. 14.—A warrant is out for the arrest of Richard V. D. Wood, for alleged misappropriation of \$60,000 from the funds of the Metropolitan National Bank, an institution which has been in liquidation since 1884. Wood was assistant cashier for the assignee. His home is at Permont on the Hudson, where his wife said yesterday she had not seen him since Monday. Wood had not been able to attend to business for three months and it was owing to this fact that his alleged delinquency was discovered.

Sensational Case.

Denver, Colo., Nov. 14.—John B. McMillan, a consumptive of Bristol, Conn., died at the county hospital a week ago and the fact that he was penniless has involved two well-known undertakers in a suit at law to decide which shall have the privilege of furnishing his funeral outfit. The case was heard Saturday before Justice Crane. The affair has already had several sensational chapters, and the county commissioners and an express company are mixed up in it. Undertaker Hall has the contract for the burial of county charges and McMillan's remains were taken to his place from the hospital. Later Attorney A. L. Morris, a friend of the deceased, who had been requested by the latter to look after his obsequies, secured an order from the county commissioners for the body and had it removed to the establishment of Undertaker Miller. Hall then telegraphed the dead man's sister, Mrs. McMillan, of Bristol, Conn., and she wired him to send the remains to her. He secured an attachment and had the body brought back to his parlors. Miller at once replevined the corpse, giving a \$400 redelivery bond and on Wednesday evening embalmed and shipped it to Bristol by express, collecting \$100 from the express company. Before the shipment Hall notified the company's representatives that he should hold them responsible for the body and the \$100. Hall says he will carry the case to the higher courts if necessary.

Wrecked a Train.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 14.—An official report received at the office of General Manager Metcalfe of the Louisville and Nashville yesterday stated that the through Louisville and Nashville train No. 3 from Cincinnati to New Orleans, had been derailed five miles south of Montgomery, Thursday night and that six people had been injured.

The list received here is as follows: Baggage-master Neville of Montgomery.

Dr. D. B. Clifford, Louisville and Nashville surgeon at Franklin, Tenn. J. R. Latham, of Conyers, Ga. W. C. McCarvey of Monroeville, Ala. J. E. Robertson of Charleston, S. C. An unknown negro.

The company's surgeon at Montgomery wired that none of the injured people were fatally hurt and that all would recover. The injured were brought back to Montgomery.

The wreck occurred one mile north of Catoma and five miles south of Montgomery. The train was made up of eight cars. One was a postal, two were baggage cars, two were coaches and three sleepers. All the cars except the three sleepers were derailed and went over a slight embankment.

The accident was caused by the removal of some flatpiles from the track. It is supposed that the motive of the wreckers was robbery. The country was scoured after the wreck, but no trace of the wreckers could be found. Nearly all the injured boarded the train at Montgomery and were in the day coaches.

Charter for Greater New York.

New York, Nov. 14.—The draft of the charter for Greater New York will be handed over to the commission by December 1. The tentative draft, as prepared by former Corporation Counsel William DeWitt, is still under consideration, several chapters remaining to be disposed of. It is expected the draft would be ready to submit to the entire consolidation commission by October 15. Mr. DeWitt said in an interview:

"There has been no delay except such as has been necessary to give the committee enough time to carefully consider it in whole and in part."

"The report will, I think, be ready by Dec. 1, if not before. The committee has been working during the entire afternoon three days of each week since Sept. 21."

The Ward Trial.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 14.—The jury in the case of A. K. Ward, charged with forgery, was secured before adjournment Thursday and when court opened yesterday the taking of testimony began.

J. L. Wellford was the first witness put on the stand. He was examined directly by Attorney General Patterson.

Many promissory notes bearing witness' signature, which had been floated, were shown Mr. Wellford, who called them forgeries. Mr. Wellford said he had implicit confidence in Mr. Ward up to the time the forgeries were discovered. Court adjourned until to-day with Mr. Wellford's testimony undisturbed.

The Seventeenth.

It is a serious matter in Armenia should a pestilence attain her seventeenth year with no prospect of marriage, for so surely as the festival of St. Ereglus comes round she is obliged to fast three days and then eat salted fish, without the right to quench her thirst unless some kind again be found who will promise to take her and be her "master."

Shot Her Husband and Herself.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 14.—A special from Siles, Mo., says: Yesterday afternoon Mrs. Mary Cox shot and probably fatally wounded her husband, Abner Cox, an industrious young farmer living about a mile from town, and afterwards shot herself through the heart. For some time Mrs. Cox has been deranged, and her relatives have been watching her for several months. She had strange hallucinations and carried a revolver constantly. Her husband, however, paid no attention to her threats.

RACE WAR TROUBLE.

THE LABORERS AT A SAWMILL RIOTING.

The Whites Who are Largely Outnumbered by the Colored Men, Declare They Shall Not Work—A Colored Woman Reported Killed.

El Dorado, Ark., Nov. 13.—The white and colored laborers employed at Hawthorne's mills, twelve miles south of here, have been waging a race war since Tuesday. The whites, who are largely outnumbered by the negroes, declare that the colored men shall not work at the mills and warned them to leave. The negroes did not go, and on Monday a number of white men whipped a negro. That night a car and several tents in which the negroes were sleeping were surrounded by armed white men and over 100 shots were fired into the car and tents. How many negroes were hurt can not be ascertained, but it is known that a woman was fatally wounded. The shooting is thought to have been more for the purpose of frightening the negroes away as, when it ceased, they were again warned to leave under penalty of death.

Wednesday there was further rioting, the nature of which has not been ascertained, but the sheriff has gone there with a posse of deputies to restore order. The mills were idle yesterday, neither the whites nor the blacks being at work. A report reached here late yesterday evening to the effect that the wounded woman had died and that serious trouble was imminent, as the negroes threaten to avenge the death of the woman.

Venezuelan Agreement.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 13.—Now that the facts of the Venezuelan agreement are known, fuller information is obtainable as to the form of the compact has taken. There are two distinct papers in the transaction.

The first and by far the most important one is in the nature of a solemn agreement between Great Britain, by which the boundary question will be settled by a court of arbitration. It is lacking in the technical statistics of a treaty and in form is a final agreement duly signed by the representatives of the two governments on terms by which they will settle the differences arising out of their divergent views on the disputed boundary question. Then because the subject matter of the boundary itself lies between Great Britain and Venezuela, a second paper is made necessary. This will be in the form of a treaty, the contracting parties being Great Britain and Venezuela. This will explain some ambiguity of the question that has arisen as to the agreement and treaty.

Literally the United States and Great Britain have made an agreement by which the terms of the arbitration treaty between Great Britain and Venezuela are framed. Each instrument will relate to the other and be a part of the common understanding on the entire subject. In this way Venezuela retains her attitude as a contracting party to the final treaty. But as the treaty is shaped by an agreement with the United States it is an instrument by which the full results will be accomplished and the United States names two of the judicial arbitrators. But one point, a matter of detail and not of merit, remains open between the United States and Great Britain in the settlement of the Venezuelan question, and cablegrams passing between London and Washington give every reason to believe that this point, which delayed the formal affixing of the signatures to the arrangement of settlement will be determined within a day or two. It relates to the choice of four judicial members of the court of arbitration, two by this country and two by Great Britain.

Deputy Shoots a Prisoner.

Columbia, S. C., Nov. 13.—A special from Yorkville says: M. R. Reese, a prominent citizen, convicted of murder, is lying at the point of death in the office of Dr. Miles Walker, with a bullet in his head. The trial of M. R. Reese, Daniel Lucky and Mrs. Anderson for the murder of Charles T. Williams came to an end Wednesday night. The jury retired at 5:40 o'clock and returned at 9 o'clock with a verdict of guilty with a recommendation of mercy as to Reese and Lucky, and not guilty as to Mrs. Anderson. Deputy Sheriff Scoggins started with the prisoners to jail. After reaching the sidewalk Reese attempted to run. Neither of the prisoners had been handcuffed and Scoggins was in charge of both. He followed the fugitive a few steps, but fearing Lucky might attempt to run, he drew his revolver and told Reese to halt, but the latter continued to run. When he reached the middle of the street Scoggins fired. Reese spun around and fell into the ditch. An investigation showed that he had been shot in the back of the head. His wound is serious.

The Trial of Ward.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 13.—When the criminal court adjourned yesterday jurors out of the necessary twelve required to try A. K. Ward, the alleged wholesale forger, had been obtained.

The proceedings were marked by no unusual occurrences. When the case was taken up three jurors occupied seats in the box and the other seven were brought to the surface after close examination.

At 3 o'clock counsel entered into an agreement touching a close technicality, and adjournment was taken.

The Panama Canal.

New York, Nov. 13.—A dispatch from Panama says: Mr. Mange, formerly director general of the Panama canal company, arrived here on the steamer Medway. It is understood that he comes to occupy the position of director of the works in the new canal company. He rendered good service formerly, and is an efficient engineer.

The steamer Castel Edna is shortly expected from Colon with about 100 African laborers from Sierra Leone for the canal. The pay will be 80 cents, Colombian currency, per day.

El Correo Nacional of Bogota, referring to the offensive and defensive alliance between Ecuador and Venezuela, says: "We are authorized to state that there is no truth in the statement that a treaty, defensive and offensive, has been celebrated between Ecuador and Venezuela, but merely a treaty to send ships and commerce, which was publicly discussed in recent sessions of the Venezuela congress."

It has been proposed to congress to send the Columbian gunboat Bogota to Guayaquil, Ecuador, to transport the Colombian citizens who were rendered destitute by the recent disastrous fire in that city.

A correspondent at Guayaquil telegraphs that the government of Ecuador has ordered the Jesuit fathers, settled in the eastern part of the republic, to leave the country. It is alleged that they have been fomenting revolutionary movements.

The reconstruction of the burned district in Guayaquil is being rapidly pressed.

The Chilean vessel Presidente Pinto is now in the harbor at Guayaquil.

Three Friends Held by a Deputy.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 13.—The steamer Three Friends, which was seized at the mouth of the St. Johns river last Saturday by the revenue cutter Boutwell, acting under orders from the revenue department at Washington through the collector of the port, was formally libeled and attached yesterday. The boat is now in charge of a deputy marshal. The libel is under section 5263 of the revised statutes, which provides against the fitting out of an armed vessel to cruise or to commit hostilities against subjects or property of any foreign country which the United States is at peace. Under this section the Three Friends is charged with being out in May 23, 1896, as an armed cruiser with the intent to be employed by certain insurgents, or other persons, on the island of Cuba to cruise or to commit hostilities against subjects and property of the island of Cuba and against the king of Spain.

The attachment is returnable before the United States court on the first Monday in December. The government's information is said to have been secured through two persons who were passengers on the trip, and who afterward made their way back to New York, going thence to Washington, where they divulged the facts to the Spanish minister. If this be true, they will need a body guard when they come to Jacksonville to give their testimony in the case.

Insurgents Make an Attack.

Havana, Nov. 12.—The insurgents have attacked the town of Casalea, in the province of Matanzas. After firing upon the place for five hours, the fire being returned by the garrison, the enemy retreated, leaving four men killed on the field, plundering the stores, burning several houses and wounding a woman.

A dispatch from Matanzas yesterday says that ten persons, who were imprisoned here on political charges, have been released.

The insurgents, with the use of dynamite, have destroyed the bridges of Calderon, province of Matanzas, at about the time a prisoner train was due to cross it.

Fined Twenty Dollars.

Covington, Ky., Nov. 13.—When Secretary Carlisle addressed a political meeting here last month eggs were thrown at him, and after the meeting was over insults were shown to the secretary as he went from the Old Fellows' hall to the residence of Mr. Helm. Among these insults was one by James Fagin, who threw a lighted cigar into the secretary's face. Fagin has been arraigned for trial several times since his arrest for this act, but the case was continued at each hearing until yesterday. Fagin was fined \$20 and costs.

To Prevent Sea Collisions.

Washington, Nov. 13.—The revived international rules to prevent collisions at sea, drafted by the Washington international marine conference, will probably go into effect on the 1st of next July. The officers of the state and treasury departments have been working earnestly to this end since the adjournment of congress, and Great Britain is co-operating with the United States in securing the assents of the few remaining nations which have not yet accepted the new rules.

Exciting Meeting.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 13.—At the ninth annual commemoration of the execution of the Haymarket bomb-throwers, at the Twelfth street Turner hall Wednesday night, Mrs. Lucy Parsons was one of the speakers. Her language soon became violent, and she was led from the stage by the police. The hall was instantly in uproar, and a movement toward the stage began, but was stopped by the introduction of Herr Most. His language was quite tame, and the remainder of the meeting was orderly.